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SUBJ: LOS CONSULTATIONS

1. ON MAY 30 I MET WITH JOHN ROBERTSON, SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, TO
OUTLINE US POSITIONS ON VARIOUS LOS MATTERS AND SO SOLICIT HIS
VIEWS CONCERNING GNZ THINKING ON THE SUBJECT. ROBERTSON POINTED
OUT THAT GNZ OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH LOS INTEND TO MEET ON OR
ABOUT JUNE 4 OR 5 TO ESTABLISH GNZ POSITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS
TO GNZ DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE. ROBERTSON STATED THAT
THE GNZ IS WELL AWARE OF US POSITION THROUGH DOCUMENTS PROVIDED
AND DISCUSSIONS HELD OVER PAST FEW MONTHS AND HE GAVE AN
ASSURANCE THAT DEFENCE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY POSITIONS WHICH
WILL IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE OR AFFECT US STRATEGIC DEFENSE CAPAB-
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ILITIES OR DEPLOYMENTS. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE ASSURANCE OF

MFA POSITIONS. I THANKED ROBERTSON FOR HIS ASSURANCE AND IN DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL US CONCERN OVER UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS WHICH MAY BECOME TERRITORIAL WATERS SHOULD A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT BE AGREED TO. ROBERTSON SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEM THIS CAUSED PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SUBMERGED VESSELS. HE SAID HE SAW DEFINITION OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE DILEMMA CAUSED BY THE NEED FOR UNDISCLOSED TRANSIT OF SUBMERGED VESSELS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT SAFETY AND POLLUTION STANDARDS BE MET WHILE TRANSITING AS MAJOR PROBLEMS AT THE CONFERENCE. HE ADMITTED THAT GNZ HAS NO SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. ROBERTSON SAID THAT THERE ARE THOSE WITHIN THE GNZ (AND IN GOA) WHO WOULD PREFER TO FENCE-SIT ON SOME OF THE STICKIER ISSUES IN THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY ON THE UNIMPEDED TRANSIT AND ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES. ROBERTSON, HOWEVER, FEELS STRONGLY THAT GNZ SHOULD REACH POSITIVE POSITIONS ON ALL THESE MATTERS AND STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AND HE INTENDS TO PUSH FOR SUCH ACTION IN NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS. IN THIS REGARD HE FEELS IT WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO COUNTRIES LIKE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA IN FORMULATING THEIR POSITIONS IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD STATE PUBLICLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY ITS POSITION ON THESE MATTERS INCLUDING A POSITIVE INDICATION OF THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO THE UNITED STATES (SUCH AS UNIMPEDED TRANSIT). DEFINITE AND PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE US WILL AND WILL NOT ACCEPT AT THE CONFERENCE WOULD, IN ROBERTSON'S OPINION, (AND I MIGHT ADD IN MY OWN) MAKE IT MUCH LESS DIFFICULT FOR OUR FRIENDS TO ESTABLISH THEIR LOS POSITIONS.

2. IN MEETING MAY 31 WITH JOHN SCOTT, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MFA, HE LESS FORTHCOMING, AND , IN FACT DID LITTLE MORE THAN LISTEN AS I REITERATED THAT I HOPED GNZ WAS WELL AWARE OF US LOS POSITIONS; PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS UNIMPEDED TRANSIT. SCOTT AFFIRMED THAT GNZ WWELL AWARE OF OUR POSITIONS AND WOULD TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT DURING NEXT WEEK'S DELIBERATIONS. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US OF GNZ POSITIONS AND POLICIES AS THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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3. GNZ DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO SCOTT, EXPECTED TO DEPART ABOUT JUNE 10 AND PROBABLY WILL HAVE "FAIRLY FLEXIBLE" NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY.
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